

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 88 and 89 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. As noted by the Examiner, these claims inadvertently depended from canceled claim 87. This rejection is now moot in view of the instant amendment. These claims have been amended to now depend from claim 72. Withdrawal of this rejection is thus respectfully requested and believed to be in order.

Claims 48-69 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,447,841. Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer. Upon indication that the claims are otherwise in condition for allowance and the final scope of the claims determined, submission of a Terminal Disclaimer will be considered.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claim 71 would be allowable if rewritten and that claims 72-86, 90-93 and 85-87 are allowed. In view of the instant amendment, all of the claims are believed to now be in condition for allowance.

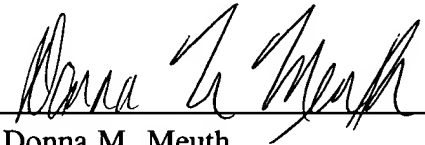
Further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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In the event that there are any questions relating to this response, or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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